



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO.                 | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.  | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 09/864,607                      | 05/23/2001  | Peter J. Brittenham  | RSW920010106US1      | 3651             |
| 46589                           | 7590        | 09/19/2007           |                      |                  |
| MYERS BIGEL SIBLEY SAJOVEC P.A. |             |                      | EXAMINER             |                  |
| PO BOX 37428                    |             |                      | EL CHANTI, HUSSEIN A |                  |
| RALEIGH, NC 27627               |             |                      |                      |                  |
|                                 |             |                      | ART UNIT             | PAPER NUMBER     |
|                                 |             |                      | 2157                 |                  |
|                                 |             |                      | MAIL DATE            | DELIVERY MODE    |
|                                 |             |                      | 09/19/2007           | PAPER            |

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

|   |                        |                     |  |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|   | 09/864,607             | BRITTENHAM ET AL.   |  |
|   | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |  |
|   | Hussein A. El-chanti   | 2157                |  |

**– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –**

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 31 August 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
**ARIO ETIENNE**  
 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
 PATENT CENTER 2100